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Identical letters dated 16 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 16 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Daily report on the activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Daily activity report for Monday, 16 December 2002

1. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

At 0840 hours a team consisting of 13 inspectors left the Canal Hotel and proceeded to Al-Nasr al-Azim enterprise in the Dawrah area of Baghdad. This is a Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) mechanical engineering company. On arrival, the team met with those in charge and asked about the company, its activities and customers and the tagged equipment there. It toured the workshops and the commercial department, and it inspected the management department and its building, the library, the drawing office and the vehicles. It photographed some of the company's products. The team completed its assignment at 1345 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1405 hours.

2. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

At 0845 hours a team consisting of seven inspectors and led by Ms. Kay Meirish left the Canal Hotel and proceeded to Baghdad University's Institute of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology at its Jadiriyah campus in Baghdad. They questioned the dean about the Institute's purposes. (This is a newly established institution and is mentioned in Iraq's recent declaration.) The dean provided an outline of the Institute's activities. The team then toured the rooms and laboratories, photographed instruments, items of equipment and books from the library and checked one computer. It completed its assignment at 1200 hours and at 1230 hours moved on to the Ministry of Health's Serum and Vaccine Institute in Amiriyah, Baghdad, which it had visited the previous day (15 December). The team inquired about some of the items mentioned in the recent Iraqi declarations, and it checked those items and consulted the stores inventory lists. It completed its assignment at 1440 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1515 hours.

3. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

The team divided into two groups.

(a) One group, consisting of 10 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0825 hours and proceeded to the Ministry of Industry and Mining's Dhat al-Sawari State Enterprise some 20 kilometres north of Baghdad. It met the company's liaison officer with the National Monitoring Directorate (NMD), and team members asked him about the company and its activities. The group visited the brick and conduit works, one of the stores and a drinking water plant at the site. It cut short its visit without seeing more when it became evident that the site was not relevant to its area of competence but to that of the chemical team. The group completed its assignment at 1220 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1305 hours.

(b) The other group, consisting of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0840 hours. At 0855 hours it arrived at the Sa`d State Enterprise in Karradat Maryam, Baghdad. Jointed by a group from the IAEA inspection team, it interviewed the general manager and asked him about the company's assignments, the institutions linked with it, its budget, the designs it produces and its clients for those designs, and its relationship with other entities. After concluding the interview the group toured all sections of the enterprise, inspected the rooms and leafed through some documents and drawings. It also inspected three computers. The group completed its assignment at 1240 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1305 hours.

4. IAEA inspection team

The team divided into three groups.

(a) One group, consisting of three inspectors and led by Faranik Babyan, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours. At 0855 hours it reached the premises of the Sa`d State Establishment. On arrival, the group interviewed the general manager and asked him about the company and its activities. It toured all sections of the enterprise, including the administration, finance and computer sections. The group also toured a branch of the Rafidain Bank that is located in the same building. It completed its assignment at 1230 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1247 hours.

(b) A second group, consisting of nine inspectors and led by Karik Lafandar, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours and proceeded to the Hattin State Enterprise, an MIC company located some 50 kilometres south of Baghdad. An IAEA team had also visited it on 14 December. On arrival the group met with the general manager, and he gave them an overview of the company's various divisions. It asked about the aluminium tubing, and the general manager provided a full explanation of the situation. The group then proceeded to conduct a radiometric survey of all facilities, and it also received a specimen of the aluminium and of aluminium filings. The group checked the tagged equipment and machinery mentioned in Iraq's declarations. It then proceeded to the Quds State Enterprise, which had also been visited by UNMOVIC and IAEA teams a few days earlier. On arriving, at 1035 hours, it interviewed the general manager and familiarized itself with the company's structure and activities. It also inspected all facilities and took samples of the waste water entering the treatment unit, the drinking water and the soil. The group completed its assignment at 1255 hours and proceeded to the State Mechanical Industries Enterprise (Ministry of Industry and Mining), which makes agricultural tractors and related accessories. It arrived at 1300 hours and met with the assistant to the general manager and asked him about the company's activities. The group then inspected all the major areas in order to familiarize itself with the pre-existing and recently imported machinery and equipment, and it conducted a radiometric survey using hand-held instruments in order to detect any radioactivity there might be. The group completed its assignment at 1445 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1530 hours.

(c) The third group left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours. At 0915 hours it arrived at the MIC's Qa`qa State Enterprise. This company was subject to the ongoing monitoring regime, and the inspection teams of the Special Commission visited it on dozens of occasions. IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams had

visited it a few days earlier. On arrival, the group inspected the workshops and asked about their use. It completed its assignment at the enterprise at 1225 hours and arrived at the Musayyib munitions stores at 1255 hours to check the 81-millimetre rockets. The group photographed crates of rockets and then proceeded to the Mu'tasim plant, which is part of the MIC's Rashid State Enterprise. It had also been inspected by UNMOVIC and IAEA teams a few days earlier. It arrived at the site at 1335 hours and visited the mechanical testing and calibration workshop and the assembly shop and familiarized itself with their activities. The group then went to the Hattin firing range to see the test launcher used for the 81-millimetre rocket. It completed its assignment at 1425 hours and arrived at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 1530 hours.

Remarks

1. The 81-mm rocket has a range of 10 kilometres, is fired from a launcher and is made from the aluminium tubing that, in his report, British Prime Minister Tony Blair claimed Iraq had imported to be used in a centrifuge for the purpose of making a nuclear bomb.

2. Inspection activities on this day were notably intensive. Fifty-five inspectors participated in such activities and inspected a total of 12 sites. The work included the inspection of all sites and equipment, interviews and meetings with site managers and their NMD liaison officers, and radiometric surveys of sites to detect any prohibited activity. It should be noted that many of the sites inspected on this day were alleged by the United States and the United Kingdom to be engaged in prohibited activities and the fabrication of weapons of mass destruction.